



Date: August 6, 2015

Subject: PUBLIC NOTICE–New Hampshire Statewide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for 3 Bacteria Impaired Waters Available for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 PM ON September 7, 2015

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:

Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports for the following three bacteria impaired surface waters are now available for public comment:

Jewett Brook in Laconia
Colony Beach on Locke Lake in Barnstead
Park Association Beach on Great Pond in Kingston

Copies of the reports are available on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/categories/publications.htm>.

High levels of bacteria can indicate the presence of waterborne disease organisms, known as pathogens, which can pose a public health risk and render a surface water unsuitable for uses such as swimming and shellfishing (in tidal waters). Surface waters include rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands and tidal waters. Examples of bacteria sources include improperly treated human waste and storm water runoff that has come in contact with feces from domesticated animals (pets, barnyard animals, etc.) and wildlife.

The purpose of a TMDL is to calculate the amount of pollutant (such as bacteria) that a surface water can assimilate without exceeding State surface water quality standards. The allowable pollutant load is then allocated to specific sources. Another important goal of the TMDL process is to promote, encourage, and inform local community action for water quality improvement and protection of public health by addressing sources of bacterial contamination. To this end this report also provides valuable information to help communities, watershed groups and stakeholders to implement the TMDL in a phased, community-based approach that will ultimately result in attainment of water quality standards.

A summary of the bacteria data and estimates of the approximate percent reduction needed to meet water quality standards for bacteria in each impaired waterbody are provided. Recommended restoration measures are also provided.

Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on September 7, 2015. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must include the name of the TMDL, the date and contact information (your name, address, phone, e-mail, and organization). If you require additional time, information about the project or background data/materials to facilitate your review and prepare and submit your comments please contact Margaret Foss, NHDES TMDL Coordinator at (603) 271-5448 or via email at margaret.foss@des.nh.gov.

Comments can be mailed to:	TMDL Program, NHDES Watershed Management Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box Concord, NH 03302, Attention Margaret P. Foss, TMDL Coordinator
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For convenience, a public comment cover sheet for submitting comments is available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/documents/commentform.pdf>. Use of the cover sheet is optional.